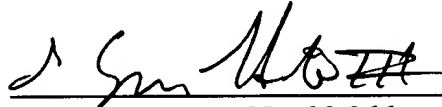


REMARKS

Claims are being amended for better clarity. If the Examiner has questions regarding this case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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1 29. (Twice amended) A system for controlling user access in a distributed computing
2 environment, comprising:
3 a global policy specifying access privileges of the user to securable components;
4 a policy manager located on a server for managing and distributing to a client a
5 local client policy based on the global policy [to a client], and
6 an application guard located on the client for managing access to the securable
7 components as specified by the local client policy;
8 wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to
9 process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional
10 customized code.

1 69. (Amended) A method for maintaining security in a distributed computing
2 environment, comprising:
3 managing a security policy via a policy manager; and
4 managing, via an application guard, access to securable components as specified
5 by the security policy;
6 wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to
7 process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional
8 customized code.

1 70. (Amended) A method for controlling user access via a system in a distributed
2 computing environment, comprising:
3 specifying via a global policy [access] privileges of the user [via a global policy]
4 to access securable components;
5 managing and distributing, via a policy manager, to a client, a local client policy
6 based on the global policy [located on a server to a client], and
7 managing, [access] via an application guard located on the client, access to the
8 securable components as specified by the local client policy;
9 wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to
10 process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional
11 customized code.

1 71. (Amended) A method for authorization that provides for a user access to
2 securable components of a system [for a user], comprising:
3 specifying via a policy [access] privileges of the user [via a policy] to access the
4 securable components;
5 managing [access] via an application guard access to the securable components;
6 and
7 executing the application guard via a processor coupled to the [said] system [said
8 application guard];
9 wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to
10 process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional
11 customized code.

1 79. (Amended) A method for providing a system for controlling user access in a
2 distributed computing environment, comprising:
3 providing a global policy specifying [access] privileges of the user to access
4 securable components;
5 providing a policy manager located on a server for managing and distributing to a
6 client a local client policy based on the global policy [to a client], and
7 providing an application guard located on the client for managing access to the
8 securable components as specified by the local client policy;
9 wherein the application guard further allows for additional customized code to
10 process and evaluate authorization requests based on the additional
11 customized code.